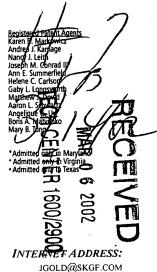




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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (65 sheets);
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- 4. Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, in regards to the non-English language documents cited on Form PTO 1449:

Document AS29, Kidani, Y., et al., is in the Japanese language. An English language abstract of document AS29 is located on page 1378 of document AS29.

Document AS33, Lodemann, et al., is in the German language. An English language abstract of document AS33 is located on page 462 of document AS33, and is attached as document AT33.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application, which is directed to related technical subject matter: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/380,704, filed September 8, 1999, and submitted herewith. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to this application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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